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Lead Aerospace Engineer (Structures)
National Transportation Safety Board
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Mr. Deepak Joshi:

London Helicopters, Inc. has been informed of a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) to Title 59, Part 830 to include rotor blade strikes to the NTSB as an accident.

If this rule goes into effect it will impose great costs on the helicopter industry. An example would be approximately two years ago a line service personnel backing an Enstrom helicopter into a hanger. As the helicopter was being pushed back, the trim tab attached to the blade struck the hanger door. A helicopter mechanic was notified. He repaired the damage and returned the helicopter back into service with an endorsement in the maintenance logbooks. This example is just one of many examples that would have an effect on our operations and the whole industry. We recommend the rotor blade strikes remain as is.

If you wish to contact us for further discussions please contact us at (239) 643-4468 and ask for Mark London, President or Joe Fragione, Chief Pilot.

Thank you for reading our concern.

Sincerely,


Joseph Fragione
Chief Pilot